

# **LEARNING STATION #1**

## **NATIVE AMERICANS**

# Transcript of Dawes Act (1887)

**Forty-Ninth Congress of the United States of America;  
At the Second Session,**

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the sixth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight-six.

**An Act to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to Indians on the various reservations, and to extend the protection of the laws of the United States and the Territories over the Indians, and for other purposes.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in all cases where any tribe or band of Indians has been, or shall hereafter be, located upon any reservation created for their use, either by treaty stipulation or by virtue of an act of Congress or executive order setting apart the same for their use, the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, whenever in his opinion any reservation or any part thereof of such Indians is advantageous for agricultural and grazing purposes, to cause said reservation, or any part thereof, to be surveyed, or resurveyed if necessary, and to allot the lands in said reservation in severalty to any Indian located thereon in quantities as follows:

To each head of a family, one-quarter of a section;  
To each single person over eighteen years of age, one-eighth of a section;  
To each orphan child under eighteen years of age, one-eighth of a section; and  
To each other single person under eighteen years now living, or who may be born prior to the date of the order of the President directing an allotment of the lands embraced in any reservation, one-sixteenth of a section:


**Provided,** That in case there is not sufficient land in any of said reservations to allot lands to each individual of the classes above named in quantities as above provided, the lands embraced in such reservation or reservations shall be allotted to each individual of each of said classes pro rata in accordance with the provisions of this act: And provided further, That where the treaty or act of Congress setting apart such reservation provides the allotment of lands in severalty in quantities in excess of those herein provided, the President, in making allotments upon such reservation, shall allot the lands to each individual Indian belonging thereon in quantity as specified in such treaty or act: And provided further, That when the lands allotted are only valuable for grazing purposes, an additional allotment of such grazing lands, in quantities as above provided, shall be made to each individual.


## Indian Wars West of the Mississippi

Texas-Indian Wars (1836-1875)  
Puget Sound War (1855-1856)  
Dakota War of 1862 (1862)  
Colorado War (1863-1865)  
Red Cloud's War (1866-1868)  
Comanche Campaign (1868-1874)  
Great Sioux War of 1876-77  
Nez Perce War (1877)  
Pine Ridge Campaign (1890)





 Land Transferred from  
Indians to Whites

 Land Held by Indians  
or Returned to Indians

